

sioners, whereupon the County Commissioners shall hear said appeal at their first meeting thereafter and their decision shall be final. The said road engineer shall appear before the County Commissioners at their first meeting in each and every month and make a statement in writing to them of the work done and money expended. He shall examine and certify to the correctness of all bills and accounts of any work done or materials furnished on the public roads and bridges of Charles county before the same shall be paid by the County Treasurer; and the said County Treasurer shall make no payments of such accounts unless certified by said engineer and approved by the said County Commissioners. He shall make out annually in writing a detailed report to the Board of County Commissioners of all work done on the county roads and bridges for the year, together with the names of all persons working on said roads and bridges and the amounts to which each person is entitled for such work, and which he has certified as correct, which report shall be made on or before the first day of July, in each year, and a copy of the said report shall be filed in the office of the County Commissioners, and published in the county papers as is required in the case of the county levy.

SEC. 159. In case the said engineer shall fail to keep the accounts or make the reports as herein set forth, or shall wilfully make false reports and accounts, he shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury of Charles county; and, if convicted in the Circuit Court thereof, shall be fined a sum, in the discretion of the Court, not exceeding three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court. The road supervisors, to be appointed as herein provided, shall be liable to indictment for wilful neglect of the duties imposed upon them, or for malfeasance in office, and if convicted in the Circuit Court of Charles County aforesaid, shall be fined, in the discretion of the Court, not more than three hundred dollars.

SEC. 160. Whenever any person or persons shall desire to improve any public road in said county to an extent beyond that contemplated by the county road engineer, they may make application to the County Commissioners by petition, setting forth the location of the road to be improved, the extent and character of the improvements and the probable cost thereof; and the said County Commissioners shall thereupon order the county road engineer to examine the location and the purpose set forth in the petition; and if he shall be of the opinion that the public interest will be promoted thereby, he shall report his determination to the County Commissioners, setting forth his reasons for such determination, and an estimate of the cost